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TAGS: PORG, MARR, MOPS, UNSC, IS, LE, XF

SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: SECURITY COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS
ON IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 425

1. SUMMARY: SECURITY COUNCIL MET IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS
4:00 PM ON APRIL 12. AFTER STATUS REPORT BY UNDER SECRE-
TARY-GENERAL URQUHART ON UNIFIL DEVELOPMENTS AND ANNOUNCE-
MENT OF SYG WALDHEIM'S TRIP TO AREA OVER THE WEEKEND,
KUWAITI AMB DECRIED ISRAELI "EVASIVENESS" AND IDF FOOT-
DRAGGING IN WITHDRAWING FROM SOUTH LEBANON AND STRESSED
NEED FOR A TIMETABLE FOR IDF PULL OUT. SC CONSENTED TO
GEN. ERSKINE'S APPOINTMENT AS FORCE COMMANDER AND GAVE
NOD TO SENEGALESE CONTINGENT'S JOINING UNIFIL. SC
PRESIDENT LEONARD CONCLUDED CONSULTATIONS AFTER NOTING
THAT SYG'S TRIP AND REPORT WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR
FURTHER SC CONSULTATIONS. END SUMMAR.

2. SECOND SESSION OF SC CONSULTATIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION
OF RES 425 WERE HELD AT 4:00 PM ON APRIL 12 WITH AMB
LEONARD CHAIRING. PRESIDENT CALLED ON UNDER SECRE-
TARY GENERAL URQUHART PROVIDE REPORT ON STATUS OF UNIFIL
DEVELOPMENTS. URQUHART NOTED STRENGTH OF UNIFIL WAS
NOW 1939 MEN. IN PROCESS OF ARRIVING WERE 650 NEPALESE
TROOPS AND 500 FRENCH AND 200 NORWEGIAN ADDITIONAL TROOPS
TO HANDLE LOGISTICS WERE DUE WITHIN A WEEK. SENEGALESE
CONTINGENT WOULD ARRIVE BY END OF APRIL. URQUHART NOTED
CANADIANS HAD COMMITTED COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL AND THAT
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SYG WAS IN CONTINUING CONTACT WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS
KEEPING IN MIND THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL
REPRESENTATION. TURNING TO IDF WITHDRAWAL, URQUHART TOOK
NOTE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF FIRST STAGE AND RECALLED SYG'S
COMMENT IN PROGRESS REPORT THAT WITHDRAWAL PLAN WAS NOT
ADEQUATE IN TERMS OF SC RES 425. URQUHART ADDED THAT
GENERAL SIILASVUO MET WITH DEFENSE MINISTER WEIZMAN APRIL
12 WHEN "FURTHER PLANS FOR WITHDRAWAL WERE DISCUSSED AND
ISRAEL CONFIRMED ITS INTENTION TO WITHDRAW FULL".
WEIZMAN HAD REITERATED POSITION THAT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL
MUST BE RELATED TO EFFECTIVE DEPLOYMENT OF UNIFIL.
URQUHART CONCLUDED BY ANNOUNCING WALDHEIM'S TRIP TO THE
AREA OVER THE "TO DISCUSS WITH THE PARTIES
AND UN COMMANDERS ON THE SPOT THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF
RES 425 IN ALL ITS ASPECTS".

3. MAURITIUS (RAMPHUL) ASKED ABOUT SIZE OF SENEGALESE AND
NEPALESE CONTINGENTS - 600 AND 650. SOVIET AMB TROYANOV-
SKY QUERIED WHETHER PRESS REPORTS ON UNIFIL'S USE OF TANKS
WERE TRUE. URQUHART EXPLAINED THAT UNIFIL HAD SOME APCS
WHICH WERE STANDARD INFANTRY EQUIPMENT BUT HAD NO TANKS.

4. KUWAIT AMB BISHARA WELCOMED SYG'S TRIP WHICH HE
THOUGHT WOULD BE HELPFUL. WE THEN QUOTED PRESS THAT IDF
WITHDRAWAL PLANS WERE INSIGNIFICANT. AFTER A PASSING
CRACK AT ISRAELI "EVASIVENESS" HE OPINED THAT ISRAEL WANTS
TO CONTROL UNIFIL DEPLOYMENT AS ISRAEL SEES FIT; ON THE
CONTRARY, BISHARA POINTED OUT, UNIFIL
CAN BE EFFECTIVE AND FULLY DEPLOYED ONLY AFTER ISRAEL
PULLS OUT. HE REITERATED PAST STATEMENTS DOUBTING ISRAEL'S
INTENTION TO WITHDRAW AND SAID ARAB GROUP INSISTS ON A
TIMETABLE FOR IDF WITHDRAWAL IN ORDER TO FORESTALL
INDEFINITE DELAYS. HOWEVER, ARAB GROUP IS READY TO "WAIT
FOR A WHILE; BEYOND THAT WE WILL ASK FOR A FORMAL MEETING
AND CONSIDER DRASTIC MEASURES." BISHARA CONCLUDED WITH
REFERENCE TO 8TH SPECIAL SESSION-- "IT WILL NOT BE A
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SPECIAL SESSION ON FINANCING, BUT A SESSION OF POLITICAL

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CONFRONTATION (WHICH HE HOPED TO AVOID) UNLESS A TIMETABLE IS SUBMITTED." PRESSURE ON ISRAEL FOR THIS WAS REQUIRED.

5. DISCUSSION REVERTED TO UNIFIL DEPLOYMENT AGAIN WITH INDIAN PREMREP JAIPAL ASKING ABOUT NEED FOR APC'S, APPROXIMATE DATE WHEN UNIFIL WILL REACH 4,000 TROOPS, AND WHETHER UNIFIL HAS BEEN INCONTACT WITH ALL ARMED GROUPS IN SOUTH LEBANON INFORMING THEM OF TERMS OF RES 425 AND SEEKING THEIR COMPLIANCE. URQUHART EXPLAINED AGAIN APC'S WERE NORMAL INFANTRY EQUIPMENT AND UNIFIL HAD RELATIVELY LIMITED NUMBERS. HE ESTIMATED THE 4,000 FIGURE WOULD BE REACHED WHEN SENEGALESE CONTINGENT ARRIVES; HOWEVER COMPANIES ON LOAN FROM UNEF AND UNDOF NUMBERED ABOUT 340 MEN AND QUESTION OF THEIR RELEASE WOULD ARISE. WALDHEIM WOULD DISCUSS WHOLE QUESTION OF UNIFIL WITH GENS. SIILASVUO AND ERSKINE ON HIS TRIP AND REPORT TO SL ON HIS RETURN. AS TO CONTACT WITH ARMED GROUPS, UNIFIL OFFICERS ARE, OF COURSE, TRYING TO MAKE CONTACT WITH ALL GROUPS TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, AS WAS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT EFFECTIVELY ANY PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS. INDIAN AMB THEN OBSERVED THAT IF ISRAEL HAS NOT COMPLETED ITS WITHDRAWAL BY THE SPECIAL SESSION (APRIL 20) UNIFIL BUDGET "COULD ATTRACT SEVERAL NEGATIVE VOTES."

6. CANADA (BARTON) SECONDED BISHARA'S COMMENTS ON NEED FOR IDF WITHDRAWAL BEFORE UNIFIL CAN OPERATE EFFECTIVELY. SOVIET AMB THEN REITERATED HIS REMARKS OF

APRIL 10. HE SAID SC CANNOT ACQUIESCE IN TO ISRAEL'S
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FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RES 425. SECURITY COUNCIL MUST
TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES; CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN
TO USE OF SANCTIONS. FRANCE (LEPRETTE) ASKED IF THERE
WOULD BE A REPORT ON RESULTS OF FURTHER SIILASVUO/WEIZMAN
DISCUSSIONS BEFORE SYG'S RETURN OR ONLY SUBSEQUENTLY.
URQUHART REFERRED TO SYG'S INSTRUCTION TO SIILASVUO
TO PRESS FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION
OF RES 425 BUT SAID HE COULD NOT ANSWER LEPRETTE'S QUES-
TION AT MOMENT.

7. GERMANY (VON WECHMAR) PROPOSED THAT WLADHEIM BE IN-
VITED TO REPORT TO COUNCIL AS SOON AS HE RETURNS TO NEW
YORK AND THAT URQUHART CONVEY TO THE SYG COUNCIL'S AGREE-
MENT THAT GOI WITHDRAWAL PLANS THUS FAR ARE NOT ADEQUATE.
BISHARA AGAIN EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR IDF PULLOUT:
"WE WANT A TIMETABLE ABOVE ALL ELSE." KUWAIT HOPED SYG
COULD RETURN TO NEW YORK IN TIME TO REPORT TO THE COUNCIL
IN CONSULTATIONS BEFORE THE SPECIAL SESSION
COMMENCES. URQUHART SAID HE WOULD CONVEY THIS TO
SYG BUT DOUBTED WALDHEIM COULD POSSIBLY RETURN BEFORE
APRIL 19.

8. SPEAKING AS US MEMBER, LEONARD TOOK NOTE OF FIRST
PHASE OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AS ANNOUNCED; WE WERE "HOPEFUL
-- MORE THAN HOPEFUL" THAT FURTHER WITHDRAWALS WOULD TAKE
PLACE SOON. HE WELCOMED FACT THAT THERE HAD BEEN A
MARKED DIMINUTION OF CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS IN SOUTH
LEBAONON WHICH HE TOOK AS INDICATIVE OF UNIFIL'S USEFUL-
NESS. LEONARD CONCLUDED THAT HE DIFFERED FROM BISHARA
IN ASSESSING IDF FIRST PHASE WITHDRAWAL AS INSIGNIFICANT.
WHILE LIMITED IN SCOPE, THE US NEVERTHELESS SAW THIS STEP
AS VERY SIGNIFICANT, RECOGNIZING THAT IT WAS ONLY ONE STEP
IN A CONTINUING PROCESS. CONSULTATIONS CONCLUDED WITH
PRESIDENT'S REFERENCE TO SYG'S LETTER ON HIS PLANS RE
SENEGALESE CONTINGENT AND APPOINTMENT OF GEN. ERSKINE AS
UNIFIL COMMANDER, BOTH OF WHICH REQUIRED COUNCIL'S ATTEN-
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TION. USSR ASKED FOR WORDING OF SC PRESIDENT'S REPLY.
NOTE WAS DISTRIBUTED STATING THAT COUNCIL MEMBERS HAD
CONSIDERED THE MATTER "AND AGREED WITH THE PROPOSALS" IN

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THE SYG'S LETTER. IT WAS APPROVED WITH BRIEF REMARKS
ON RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA REPORTED SEPTTEL.

9. SC CONSULTATIONS ADJOURNED WITH NO SPECIFIC
TIME SET FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS OR MEETING. ONLY DATE
HELD OUT WAS THAT FOR SYG TO REPORT TO COUNCIL ON RESULTS
OF HIS TRIP. BEFORE MEETING BISHARA HAD PROPOSED TO AMB
LEONARD TUESDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 18, FOR NEXT CONSULTA-
TIONS BUT AGREED DATE COULD BE LEFT FOR LATER AGREEMENT
ON UNDERSTANDING IT WOULD BE PRIOR TO SPECIAL GA SESSION.
SINCE SYG REPORT WILL PROBABLY NOT BE POSSIBLE BEFORE GA
MEETS, WE EXPECT BISHARA WILL ASK FOR APRIL 18 CONSULTA-
TIONS. HE HAS NOT RULED OUT FORMAL SC MEETING BUT IN
TELLING LEONARD THAT SOVIETS WERE URGING ARABS TO PRESS
FOR OPEN SESSION, BISHARA EMPHASIZED THAT THIS IS ARABS'
"LAST CARD" AND THEY DON'T WISH TO PLAY IT TOO SOON.
SECOND ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS WAS BRIEFER AND LESS STRIDENT
THAN FIRST SESSION. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SYG'S
TRIP WAS HELPFUL IN THIS RESPECT AND IN REDUCING PRESSURE
FOR SCHEDULING ANOTHER SESSION.

10. LAST TWO LINES OF PARA 8 ABOVE SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO READ
AS FOLLOWS: "THE SYG'S LETTER. IT WAS APPROVED WITH NO
OBJECTION. BRIEF REMARKS ON RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA ARE
REPORTED SEPTTEL." LEONARD

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